## **Introduced by Senator Cogdill**

February 20, 2008

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to California Fire Safe Council Fire Safe Councils.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 80, as amended, Cogdill. California Fire Safe Council Councils. This measure would recognize the importance of the California Fire Safe Council's efforts to provide fire prevention and planning projects for California communities, that the California Fire Safe Council serves Councils serve as one of the state's leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations, and the vital services provided by the California Fire Safe Council Councils for the citizens of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- WHEREAS, The California wildfires of 2007 have garnered broad public attention due to the severity of the damage and expanse of the areas consumed by those wildfires; and
- WHEREAS, The State of California has a compelling interest in reducing the threats of wildfires, including threats to lives, property, and natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, The state's increasing population and the threat of catastrophic wildfires will affect vast acres of private and public forests, wildland-urban interface, homes, and public safety; and
- WHEREAS, Wildfire has become a significant threat to the state's environmental health and public safety; and

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WHEREAS, Wildfire threats present an increased challenge for efforts to reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, The California Fire Safe Council and its network serves local Fire Safe Councils collectively serve as one of the state's leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations; and

WHEREAS, The California Fire Safe Council's work to educate communities, provide wildfire safety planning, and provide fire prevention and educational programs throughout the state remains a critical component of statewide fire protection efforts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the importance of the California Fire Safe Council's efforts to provide fire prevention and planning projects for California communities, recognizes that the California Fire Safe Council serves as one of the state's leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations, and recognizes the vital services provided by the California Fire Safe Council for the citizens of California; and be it further

WHEREAS, All local Fire Safe Councils work to educate communities, provide wildfire safety planning, fire prevention, and educational programs throughout the state and remain a critical component of statewide fire protection efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature recognizes that the Fire Safe Councils serve as leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations;

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RESOLVED, That the Legislature recognizes the vital services provided by the Fire Safe Councils for the citizens of California; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.